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Schools off chopping block: CBE

Report. All city public schools are expected to stay open for the next decade, but some students will still be forced to transfer

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Parents can rest a little easier, as it seems Calgary schools have been taken off the chopping block for the foreseeable future.

According to a student-accommodation report put forward to Calgary Board of Education trustees, board administrators do not believe they will recommend that any of the city's 220 public schools be closed in the next decade, save for the already planned shutdown of Viscount Bennett in the city's southwest.

Frank Coppinger, CBE superintendent for facilities, told Metro that, if anything, the board could use more space.

"(It's) because of growing demand and a lagging supply of schools, and a particular key one to identify is kindergarten," he said. "If we are to move to full-day kindergarten, our existing schools cannot accommodate that."

Premier Alison Redford pledged last year to institute mandatory full-day kindergarten across the province, but her Tory government has since advocated for a phased-in approach instead.

Coppinger has calculated that full-day offerings for the city's littlest learners could create issues at as many as 50 Calgary elementary schools. He stressed that though the CBE is not projecting any school closures over the next decade, some students will still be forced to transfer as part of grade-restructuring efforts.

This all comes on the heels of two school-closure recommendations rejected by trustees in as many years.

Larry Leach, chair of the Association for Responsive Trusteeship in Calgary Schools, was surprised by the zero-closure projection but hopes the CBE will actively share its accommodation plans with parents going forward.

Quoted

"Whether it's a school closure or whether it's raising busing fees ... I think parents would just like more stability."

Larry Leach, chair of the Association for Responsive Trusteeship in Calgary Schools

FLOOD WARNING

City crews spent much of Monday preparing for a potential rush of water from Calgary rivers in the wake of heavy rainfall over the weekend, and the expectation of further downpours Tuesday. For more details on a warning for basement flooding, turn to page 4. CELESTE DE MUELENAERE/FOR METRO

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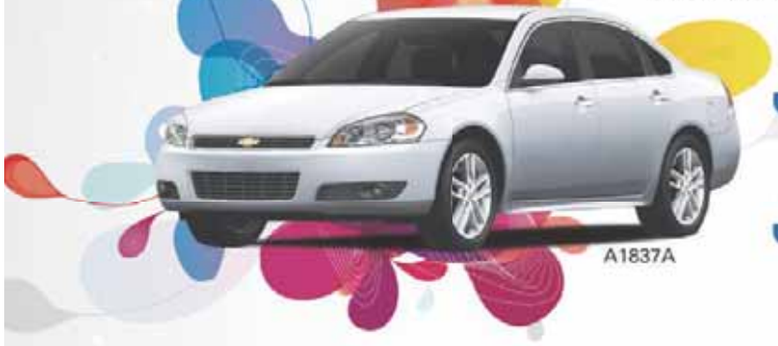

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Drug-awareness program

Council just says no to $150K

Council has voted against doling out cash to an addiction-education initiative with many aldermen saying the responsibility falls on the provincial government.

Earlier this year, following a string of PMMA-related deaths, council had discussed funding an addiction-education and risk-awareness initiative.

Ald. John Mar said council's 12-3 vote knocking down the $150,000 campaign was disappointing.

"First of all, council supported this when it was a major issue in the community. That hasn't changed. We know that nine people in our community died," said Mar.

Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart said one-time funding for an education campaign would be throwing money at a problem.

"What we need is what Alberta Health Services is doing already and the government of Alberta.... $150,000 is a drop in the bucket when you're trying to change people's minds."

The decision by council came as Calgary police offered new details Monday on what may be their first incident involving a person high on the drug known as "bath salts."

Officers were called to a home early Saturday in Bridlewood amid concerns from family members about a man's behaviour. Upon their arrival, the man became aggressive and displayed extraordinary strength, requiring five officers to put him down, said Insp. Paul Stacey.

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Intent lost? No review for public-art policy

The city's public-art policy will not be reviewed after council voted against a notice of motion to once again look it over.

Since 2004, council has had a policy in place requiring one per cent of the capital costs of any project over $1 million to be allocated to public art. Ald. Shane Keating proposed a review of the policy, asking the city to look at a tiered system based on percentages that would include projects coming in at less than $1 million.

Keating said the intent of his notice of motion was lost in a discussion about whether public art is valuable. "We're looking at a question here that just says, 'Should we be doing something slightly different?' End of story," said Keating. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Real estate. Former Calgary Board of Education building sells for $36.5 M

A former centre owned by the Calgary Board of Education has been sold for $36.5 million.

According to a CBE release, the building, located at 515 Macleod Trail SE, was sold to "an institutional investor based in Western Canada."

The CBE moved into its new facility on 8 Street SW last July. It says the money from the sale of the old building will be placed in a reserve to be used to repay approximately $20 million in interim financing for the Dr. Carl Safran Centre, which is part of the new facility, and Connaught School.

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Bodychecking vote not evidence-based: Prof

Controversy. U of C professor's research helped spur discussion of reserving hockey hits for older age groups

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A vote by Hockey Calgary members against banning bodychecking at the peewee level comes as a disappointment for the city professor whose research fuelled discussion on the matter.

University of Calgary Prof. Carolyn Emery's research indicated the negative impact on-ice hits have on youths and was directly referenced by top brass with Hockey Calgary when they brought forward a motion to ban contact in peewee games this fall and in higher levels in subsequent years.

But a vote by organization members Saturday rejected the proposal.

Although Emery applauded Hockey Calgary for taking concerns for its community to a vote, she said the final verdict from members was not evidence-based.

"We have 14 out of 15 studies that show the significant increased risk of concussion and injury in kids, particularly younger kids, 11 and 12 years old, that are exposed to rules that allow bodychecking," she said.

Emery said there is a lack of desire for change within the hockey community.

"I think that the understanding of the impact of delaying bodychecking to an older age group and more elite levels of play is underrepresented," she said.

Survey

Results of a recent survey of minor hockey league parents done by Hockey Calgary last January:

- More than 72 per cent surveyed said they supported changes to minor hockey.
- However, only 50 per cent said those changes should be to "make the game safer."
- Hockey Alberta is still exploring a motion to ban hitting at lower age levels.

Dr. Carolyn Emery conducted research on concussions and rate of injuries at the peewee level of hockey. She found that legal hits should be reserved for older age groups or higher level of plays. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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On the web

Fickle Facebook

The folks at Facebook have done it again — annoying users by making changes without advising them. This time, all users' default email addresses have been changed or are about to be changed to an @facebook.com account, one most people never use. Go to metronews.ca to read the full story and find out how you can change it.

Mobile news

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U of A shooting. Victim's family 'forever changed'

The family of an armoured-car guard killed during a robbery says their "tragic time" has been tempered by all the caring they have received from across the country.

Michelle Shegelski was shot to death on June 15 while she and four other guards were refilling a bank machine at the University of Alberta.

"Our lives will be forever changed and so will the lives of the people that she touched," reads a statement from her husband, parents and other family members.

A funeral for Shegelski, 26, was planned for Tuesday in Edmonton. Private services were already held for victims Eddie Rejano, 39, and Brian Ilesic, 35. The fourth victim, Matthew Schuman, remains in hospital with head injuries.

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Condition update

- Matthew Schuman is out of intensive care and undergoing physiotherapy to regain motor skill.
- His communication skills are limited, but his wife said the two of them understand each other

Southeast district

Investigators launch fire probe

Officials are looking into the cause of a warehouse fire on Monday in the city's southeast.

Firefighters were called at about 6 a.m. to a fire in the 3200 block of 56 Avenue SE. The warehouse manufactures foam underlay for carpeting. Five workers were evacuated. METRO

Whitewater mishap

Rafting accident victim identified

A Calgary woman has been identified as the victim of a rafting accident in the Kicking Horse River near Golden, B.C.

Mary Patricia Thibault, 50, was with about 40 others on a whitewater rafting tour on Saturday when the raft she was in overturned. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Water woes on the way?

These geese near a section of the Elbow River running through Mission were about the only ones enjoying rising water levels, as crews took precautions in some areas of the city to prevent widespread flooding.

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Rivers rising.

Flood fears intensify after officials issue basement-seepage warning

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Just one day after officials tried to ease fears of city flooding, some Calgarians were hauling out their sandbags.

Up to 40 millimetres of rain are forecast to drench the city this week, and some of it could find its way into the basements of those who live near the Bow and Elbow rivers, city authorities said on Monday.

"The elevation that the rivers are at right now is very close to the doorstep," said Frank Frigo, a senior planning engineer with water services.

"Basement flooding is a very viable and plausible thing to be concerned with," he added.

Crews were out sandbagging and installing flood tubing in certain areas of the city on Monday, just in case water breaks the banks of the rivers.

Residents in low-lying areas in neighbourhoods close to the rivers are advised to take precautions.

Robert Hiscock of Alert Restoration, a disaster-recovery company, said business is booming thanks to the heavy rainfall that has pounded the city this year.

"It's not going to take much to have basements flooding due to riverbanks overflowing," he said.

The rain isn't just affecting homeowners. Calgarian Sarah Scott couldn't enjoy lunch at her daily spot on Monday.

"I was sitting on that bench at 10:30 a.m., and now you can't even get at it," Scott said.

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Rain, rain, go away

"If we do have some rainfall, we would get up into the levels where historically we have seen some concerns."

Frank Frigo, water services department

Sweet reward for ambitious Delhi family and Canadian bankers who helped

After receiving exceptionally good service at Scotiabank's Saddletown Circle Branch since he came to Canada six months earlier, Amit Chauhan decided to surprise the branch team with a traditional Burfi shortcake. "They helped me get my first home, so I wanted to thank them," recalls Amit who had just taken possession of a three-bedroom dream home in northeast Calgary.

It was a sweet finale for Amit and Mrinali Chauhan, who came from India in June 2011, only to be stranded by heavy rain in a hotel with their three-year old daughter. "We stayed in and ordered pizza while Amit ran around arranging things," recalls Mrinali, who was eight-months pregnant at the time.

Fortunately, the Chauhan family's arrival was made easier by the fact that they had set up their Canadian bank account in India, so they could send funds safely to Canada before they landed. They had heard about the ***Scotiabank StartRight***® Program[1] International Account Opening at an information session for permanent resident applicants and they visited a Scotiabank branch in Delhi. They were later connected with Syed Haider, a Scotiabank Personal Banking Officer in Calgary, who helped them apply for a bank account in Canada and obtain pre-approval for a credit card[2].

"Everything went smoothly when I went to the Calgary branch, since I could access the funds I had transferred from day one and I had the credit card in my hand for all our expenses," recounts Amit. "Even better, after travelling 7,000 miles I could talk to Syed in my own language and get advice about apartments, schools and Indian groceries."

This gave Amit extra time to start job searching and, by applying connections from his hospitality education in India, he found a restaurant management position on day two. "It surprises people, but I used my networking skills to make local contacts, and I was ready to be flexible and take any hard work at the beginning," explains Amit, who now welcomes visitors to Canada as a front-desk supervisor in a busy hotel.

And Amit didn't delay thinking about his long-term goals either, since he soon realized that buying a home was a better investment for his family's future than paying expensive rent each month.

"I didn't think it would be possible to get our first home so quickly, but Syed reviewed my earnings and financial history and explained my options," notes Amit, who qualified for the ***Scotiabank StartRight*** Mortgage Program[3], a hassle-free mortgage tailored for newcomers to Canada.

"I was lucky to meet a lot of wonderful people who helped us find a home, including our brilliant banker and an exceptional realtor."

Reflecting on his family's rapid settlement in Canada, including the birth of a son, a job and a comfortable home, Amit adds that, "From my hospitality training, I learned to connect with others and recognize people who will give their time and help you, like Syed." For Amit, it made sense to continue that hospitality, by sharing dessert with his new friends at Scotiabank.

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YYC Dumpstering member Ian Wearmouth eats some bread he found tossed in a southeast Calgary dumpster Monday. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Group uncovers food, treasures from dumpsters

Message. For some the weekly excursion is a form of activism, while for others it's a necessity

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Every week Calgary residents and businesses toss items like these in city dumpsters, leading a group of 15 to head out on Sunday evenings in hopes of striking gold and filling their bellies.

"It's just such a waste," said Ian Wearmouth, one member of YYC Dumpstering. He spent a half-hour Monday in addition to a routine weekend trip, scouring a cluster of dumpsters in the city's southeast end. After a few dust-filled bins featuring some questionable pizza slices and hundreds of flies, Wearmouth unearthed an entire garbage bag filled with loaves of bread.

"There's absolutely nothing wrong with it," he said, after diving in to rip the bag open and chew on a loaf. "It goes from a store shelf to a completely sanitary bag and then gets tossed in here."

Wearmouth takes much of the food he finds home, where 11 roommates consume it. He estimates the group saves $500 to $600 per month simply by dumpster-diving.

Not everyone is impressed with the group's efforts, however, as Wearmouth admits to being chased by police on one occasion and shooed away by business owners on others.

City bylaw boss Bill Bruce said citizens are allowed to pick through dumpsters if given permission from owners, but otherwise dumpster-divers run the risk of a $100 scavenging fine.

"People don't have a right to scavenge through your garbage and snoop through what you put in there," said Bruce.

For more information about the group, go to meetup.com/YYC-Dumpstering.

Health. Doctors, parents want Catholic school board to revisit HPV vaccine

Dr. Susan Bornesmiza, left, and legal scholar Juliet Guichon speak at a news conference in Calgary Monday. BILL GRAVELAND /THE CANADIAN PRESS

Concerned parents and doctors are attempting to persuade the Calgary Catholic School Board and the city's Roman Catholic bishop to lift a ban that blocks students from being vaccinated against HPV.

HPV vaccine programs have been available to girls in Grades 5 and 9 since 2007. Experts say they are also a benefit to boys, who can transmit the virus even if not affected by it.

The programs are a tough sell in some parts of the country.

The vaccination protects against four strains of human papillomavirus (HPV), the primary cause of genital warts and the agent behind about 70 per cent of cervical cancers.

The Catholic board blocked the vaccination in its schools in 2008, making Calgary the only major Canadian city that doesn't offer the vaccine to all students.

The school district took its cue from Bishop Fred Henry, a staunch opponent of administering the vaccine.

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Scouts Canada. Authorities weren't informed of alleged sexual misconduct: Review

A forensic review of Scouts Canada's records reveals authorities were not contacted about at least 65 cases of alleged sexual misconduct against a youth.

"We are deeply and truly sorry for any harm that has happened at the hand of volunteers that were in our organization," said Steve Kent, Scouts Canada's volunteer chief commissioner at a press conference Monday.

"We will do everything that we can to prevent such instances from happening in the future and we encourage victims to talk to us."

The accounting firm KPMG conducted a seven-month audit of Scouts files, many of which were "disorganized" and "incomplete," according to an analysis of 486 identified records provided by Scouts Canada.

The records were related to suspension and termination of volunteers for alleged sexual misconduct against youth from 1947 to 2011.

In addition to the 65 cases, there were 64 cases where it was unclear whether authorities were contacted.

During the review process Scouts Canada provided information about those cases to police forces, which are investigating.

In 29 other cases, Scouts Canada had already contacted police. In 328 cases, police were aware of the allegation of sexual abuse before Scouts Canada.

Learning from past mistakes, the organization said it will now "rigorously" implement a new Child and Youth Safety Plan, which includes improved adult screening and training.

"Canadians can take comfort in the fact that we're confronting the past in its entirety now," said Kent.

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Steve Kent of Scouts Canada
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Search efforts to continue after appeal from public, premier

A local resident reacts as she listens in during a news conference in Elliot Lake, Ont., on Monday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Elliot Lake, Ont.
Officials initially called off search due to concerns of a second collapse

Officials in Elliot Lake, Ont., say they are resuming rescue efforts at a partially collapsed mall after an appeal from Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty.

The turnabout came just hours after the search efforts were called off because it was deemed too dangerous to send crews inside. They told a news conference a plan is still in the works.

McGuinty told The Canadian Press late Monday night that he asked that any other options be considered, including using heavy equipment to dismantle the building from the outside.

The premier says if a member of his family or a close friend might have been inside, he would want "no stone left unturned," and they owe it to the families and community of Elliot Lake to give it the best shot.

Dozens of local residents protested in front of city hall after the decision to abandon the search was announced, saying it was too soon to give up.

A parking lot on the roof of the shopping centre crashed two floors down into the mall below on Saturday afternoon.

Although the sound of tapping, which led rescuers to believe someone was still alive inside the rubble, stopped on Sunday morning, officials say a device called a life detector has indicated there's someone breathing inside.

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Staying positive

"We've all banded together. We talk, we hug. We're just here together."

Catherine Timleck-Shaw, Elliot Lake, Ont., resident

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Residential schools. Community celebrates lost birthdays after commission hearing

A big party was held at the end of a hearing in Saskatoon to recognize all the birthdays that were missed by children who attended residential schools.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission provided cake, glow sticks, songs and cheers Sunday for all of the survivors who were never able to celebrate.

A stage was filled with children the same ages as many who attended the church-run schools.

The government apologized several years ago for the schools, where many aboriginal children were physically, emotionally and sexually abused.

The commission is holding hearings across the country and was in Saskatoon for several days last week.

A grandmother's pride

"I'm walking away with a hope for my children and my grandchildren. I'm proud to be a First Nations woman."

Bernadette Neapetung, former residential school student

Some of the people who attended said being able to celebrate a crucial part of childhood such as a birthday with other survivors was inspiring.

"I'm not alone. At (the) residential school, you felt so alone. You thought you were the only one going through this pain," said Bernadette Neapetung.

She attended the hearings with her brother, George, who also was sent to a residential school.

"It's been a lightening of a load that I have carried for the entirety of my life," he said, "To be able to give a voice to that little boy inside of me and to let all of those things go."

He said he was struck by the children on the stage.

"I didn't know how small I really was at that time ... and it brought me back. It touched me where I have never been touched before, where I never allowed anything before."

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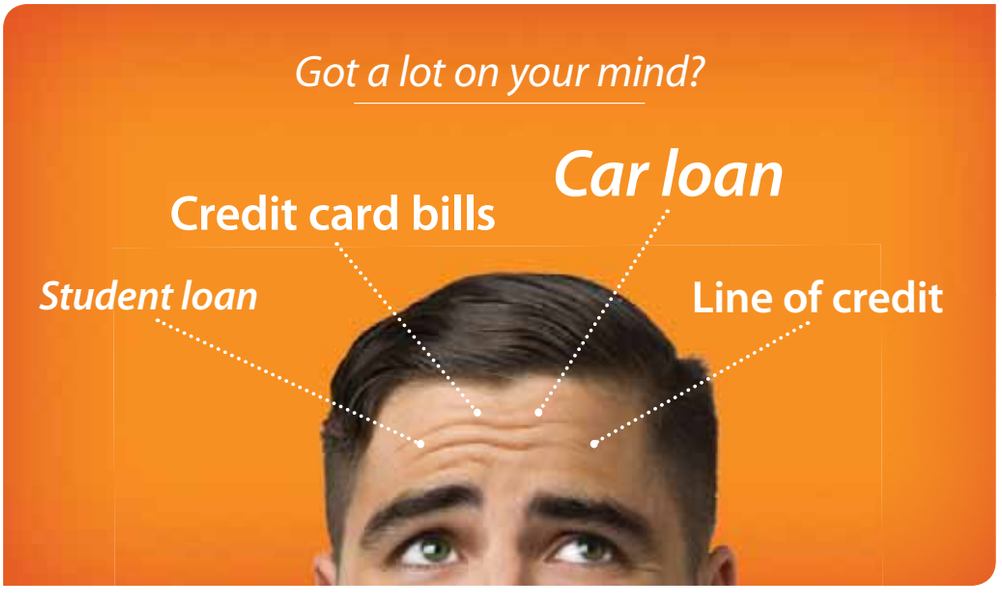

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Egypt. New president starts crafting government

New Egyptian president Mohammed Morsi went to work first thing Monday morning and started work on forming a government.

This was even before he had a clear picture of what he could do after the ruling military stripped most of the major powers from his post.

Morsi, 60, a U.S.-trained engineer from the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood group, is the first Islamist president of Egypt.

He defeated Mubarak's last prime minister, Ahmed Shafiq, in a tight race that deeply polarized the nation.

The country breathed a sigh of relief that at least the question of who won the presidential runoff had been resolved on Sunday, after the first free and fair elections in Egypt's modern history.

People returned to work a day after a panic that sent many home early for fear that violence might erupt when the winner was announced.

Traffic was flowing again through Cairo's Tahrir Square, the birthplace of last year's uprising and a major intersection that had been blocked for a week by Morsi supporters protesting against the military.

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Mohammed Morsi THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tiptoeing into office

The contours are emerging of a backroom deal between the military and the Brotherhood that led to the ruling military council blessing Morsi as president.

- State TV showed footage of Morsi meeting Monday with the ruling military.
- The generals gave themselves sweeping powers that undercut the president.

Putin takes pause to remember on Israel trip

Russian President Vladimir Putin walks during an inauguration ceremony of a memorial to Red Army veterans of the Second World War in Netanya, Israel, Monday. The West's standoff with Iran over its nuclear program was expected to top the agenda as Putin began a 24-hour visit to Israel.

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Leaving the tinderbox

General defects from Syrian army

A Syrian general was among the latest defectors from the country's military, officials said Monday. Dozens of Syrian soldiers fled overnight to Turkey, crossing the border with their families.

The general defected in recent days, Turkish officials said. Then, according to the state-run Anadolu news agency, 33 soldiers crossed the border overnight. There are conflicting reports but the group included possibly a second general and either two or three colonels.

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Tunisia

Jail time over cartoons upheld

A Tunisian court has upheld seven-and-a-half-year sentences on a conviction of posting cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed on Facebook. Jaber Majeri and an associate were each sentenced to jail and fined $800 US.

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Hundreds may be dead after landslides

Uganda. Villages destroyed and at least 15 houses buried following torrential rain, Red Cross says

In this 2010 file photo, people search for survivors after a landslide in eastern Uganda. Massive landslides destroyed villages in the mountainous district of Bududa on Monday. STEPHEN WANDERA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Massive landslides induced by torrential rains destroyed three villages in the mountainous district of Bududa in eastern Uganda, killing possibly hundreds of people, officials said Monday.

Disaster Preparedness Minister Stephen Mallinga said it was still too early to say how many had been killed in Monday afternoon's landslides, but officials from Bududa said the final death toll would likely be in the hundreds.

"We are sending a rescue team down there," Mallinga said. "It's very difficult to estimate how many have been killed."

Witnesses said the landslides were unexpected, happening several hours after a torrential overnight downpour that at first seemed to have done little damage.

David Wakikona, a lawmaker from the region, said most people were likely indoors when huge blocks of mud and rocks started to roll down hills, toppling homes, killing livestock and burying people alive.

"We don't yet understand how this all happened, but it's terrible," he said. "Three villages have been buried."

According to Wakikona, at least 300 people lived in the affected villages. Officials said rescue teams from the Ugandan army would play a lead role in moving the soil as the search for possible survivors begins.

The Uganda Red Cross said that at least 15 houses had been buried in the landslides. It may take time before the full death toll from such disasters is known, as often it requires rescuers working with hoes and shovels to dig through the mud and find bodies trapped underneath. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

19 killed after bus goes off bridge in

Rescue workers and investigators stand behind body bags containing the remains of victims of a bus crash in 55 injured when the bus plummeted off a bridge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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South Africa

Meyerton, South Africa, on Monday. At least 19 people were killed and

Florida. Tropical storm wreaks havoc

Tropical Storm Debby drenched Florida with heavy rains, flooded low-lying neighbourhoods and knocked out power to thousands of homes and businesses as it lingered off the state's coast Monday.

The governor declared a statewide emergency, and a tropical storm warning was in effect for most of Florida's Gulf coast.

At least one person was killed by a twister in Florida, and crews in Alabama searched for a man who disappeared in rough surf Sunday.

State officials estimated at least 35,000 homes and businesses were without power.

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Residents told to leave

- Residents in several counties near the crook of Florida's elbow were urged to leave low-lying neighbourhoods because of the threat of flooding. Shelters were opened in some areas.

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Man in sex-harassment case awaits standing

Manitoba. Panel weighing whether judge should be punished for husband's lewd proposition

A man who says he was sexually harassed by a Manitoba judge is to find out Tuesday whether he will have standing at her disciplinary hearing.

A panel of the Canadian Judicial Council has reserved its decision on whether Alexander Chapman's lawyer will be able to make submissions and question witnesses. The panel is examining whether Justice Lori Douglas should be removed from the bench.

Chapman says Douglas's husband showed him sexually explicit photos of her and asked him to have sex with her.

Douglas has said she did nothing wrong and her husband acted without her knowledge.

The judicial council panel is considering requests for standing from two other individuals before it starts hearing evidence.

"Alex Chapman has a direct and tangential interest in this proceeding," lawyer Rocco Galati told the panel Monday as he argued why his client should have standing.

"A fair hearing cannot be conducted ... without having Mr. Chapman's counsel here."

The independent lawyer who is leading the inquiry, Guy Pratte, argued against giving Chapman standing. Pratte is tasked with representing the public interest in the case and has a duty to bring forward all relevant information.

"There is no room for a complainant ... to complement the job of independent counsel," Pratte said. "He seeks to bring forward no new facts."

Douglas is facing four allegations that basically boil down to one question: Can a judge whose husband took explicit pictures of her and uploaded them without her knowledge to the Internet be penalized for the very existence of the photos?

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Background

- Jack King admits that in 2003, he gave Chapman nude photos of his wife and asked him to have sex with her. She was a lawyer.
- Chapman filed a complaint in 2010, despite being paid $25,000 by King to settle a harassment claim.

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WWII veterans finally recognized

Canadian airmen who flew with Bomber Command in the Second World War are getting recognition 67 years after their service.

The Conservative government is announcing that a special bar will be struck to be worn on the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal. At the end of the war, special medals were awarded for various campaigns, but none for those who flew in the long and dangerous bombing campaign.

Many air-force veterans have lobbied for recognition and the government has been working on the issue for several years.

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Quebec

22 charged after clash with cops

Twenty-two people are facing charges after a clash with police following Fête nationale festivities north of Montreal. Police in Bois-des-Fillion say two officers were injured when police tried to break up fights in a crowd Sunday.

The incidents broke out when people refused to leave the park. Capt. Sylvain Theoret says bottles, rocks and even garbage cans were thrown at his officers by some in the mob of 500 people.

Riot squads were called in to help and it took about three hours to get the situation under control.

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Activist sues over G20

G20 activist Julian Ichim arrives at police headquarters in Toronto on Monday before launching a $4-million lawsuit against the Toronto Police Services Board for alleged false imprisonment, assault and battery, misuse of public office, and other Charter breaches. While Ichim is seeking $4 million in general and punitive damages, he said his suit was not about money, but accountability. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Walmart Canada ramps up hiring

Expansion. Already one of Canada's largest employers, retail giant plans to hire 3,100 more workers by end of 2013

Walmart Canada is ramping up hiring amid rapid expansion in this country by the U.S.-based retail giant.

Walmart says it will open 47 hiring centres across the country as it adds a total of some 4,000 new employees this year and next, about 500 more than previously announced.

The mass retailer pays "above minimum wage," which varies by province, said Alex Roberton, spokesman for Walmart Canada, adding that employees can also participate in a profit-sharing program.

Roberton said the chain is "looking to hear" from former Zellers employees, whose experience would be taken into consideration.

In addition to the permanent jobs, the various projects are expected to generate some 10,500 construction jobs.

"We are extremely excited to be adding more than 4,000 new associates to our team," said Bob Hakeem, senior vice-president of people at Walmart Canada, using the company's preferred term for employee.

Walmart Canada pharmacies are also in the midst of a significant hiring phase.

Walmart Canada has already hired 900 employees this year, from sales associates to managers in its stores across the country, to field operations and home-office positions.

Already one of Canada's largest employers, it plans to hire an additional 3,100 workers by the end of 2013, raising its overall Canadian payroll to 94,000.

Walmart said more than half of the 73 projects will become supercentres, which offer an array of groceries as well as general merchandise. The retailer opened its first Canadian supercentres in Ontario in 2006 and has since ramped up expansion plans for the large-store concept.

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Facing competition

By the end of 2013, Walmart Canada expects to spend some $750 million to open, relocate or remodel 73 stores.

- Included are most of the 39 former Zellers stores for which Walmart Canada purchased leasehold rights in June 2011. They will reopen as Walmart stores in this fiscal year.
- The expansion comes as competition in the Canadian retail market heats up with the entry of fellow discount retailer Target next year. Target plans to open 125 to 135 stores.

Samsung's latest model

Models display Samsung Electronics' newest smartphone, the Galaxy S III, during its world tour in Seoul, South Korea, on Monday. Samsung, the world's top mobile-phone maker, said Monday it expects global sales of the latest Galaxy smartphone to surpass 10 million in July even as it struggles to keep up with demand because of component shortages. The company said the Galaxy S III will be released in 147 countries by the end of July, aiming to get a jump on rival Apple before it announces a new version of the iPhone in the third quarter. Samsung released the smartphone through all major mobile U.S. carriers last week. SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tech trouble

RIM shares slide after downgrade

Research In Motion shares hit their lowest level since 2003 on Monday as the company was downgraded by investment firm Morgan Stanley, which called the company "essentially broken."

Morgan Stanley analyst Ehud Gelblum said while the troubles at RIM are well known, the investment firm believes estimates for the company need to come down even further over the next six months.

Shares in RIM traded as low as $9.27 on Monday on the Toronto Stock Exchange, its lowest level since 2003 after adjusting for stock splits. The stock closed down 76 cents at $9.36.

The drop came as RIM dismissed a Sunday Times newspaper report on the weekend that suggested the company was considering selling its handset manufacturing unit or a stake in the whole company. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ontario moms crack the Walmart market with Mabel's Labels

Four Toronto-area moms with more than a dozen children between them have cracked the Walmart market with an idea for labelling the stuff kids lose.

After selling more than 50 million labels in 97 countries through Mabel's Labels online, the women have made a deal with Walmart Canada to put them on store shelves across the country.

The company's new product — blank, self-laminating write-on labels that stick to any surface and can withstand the microwave and dishwasher — are for parents who don't have time to order online and wait for delivery.

Their Write Away! labels are for a must for the kid who's going to camp tomorrow.

Camps and daycares require that personal property — every sock, shoe, water bottle and backpack — be labelled and Mabel's Labels has been providing customized labels online for nine years.

Three years ago, the moms came up with a version that could be sold at retail.

Julie Cole, 41, a former lawyer and mom of six, founded the company with her sister Cynthia Esp and two friends, Julie Ellis and Tricia Mumby.

They used to work out of a basement in Hamilton, Ont., and now own a 14,000-square-foot facility in the city. They now employ 40 people.

Jenn Williams, category manager for stationery for Walmart Canada, had already known about Mabel's Labels because she was a mom herself.

"I was very excited they had come to us. They had done their research and were very well prepared. It was a perfect match for Walmart because our customer is Mom." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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A photographer takes a photo of an image of flowers shown on Sony's 21-inch OLED display model. ITSUO INOUYE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Sony, Panasonic join forces on TVs

Partnership. Japanese manufacturers feeling the pressure to catch up with Samsung in the all-important television market

Longtime Japanese rivals Sony and Panasonic are working together to develop next-generation TV panels called OLEDs in a reversal of decades of competition as they try to catch up with South Korea's Samsung Electronics.

The companies said in a joint statement Monday they will share core technologies to develop OLED, or organic light-emitting diode, panels. They are aiming for low-cost mass production by 2013.

Both Sony and Panasonic have posted big losses after falling behind Samsung and other Asian rivals in TVs.

The joining of forces marks a departure from a long rivalry and highlights the pressure that Japanese manufacturers face to catch up with Samsung in TVs.

Samsung is planning to start selling TVs with big OLED screens later this year. OLEDs use a different technology than liquid crystal displays and deliver very clear, vivid imagery.

Sony was the first in the world to sell an OLED TV, with an 11-inch model in 2007, but it wasn't a strong seller, partly because of its small size and high price.

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LCDs

- Sony buys liquid-crystal television displays from other manufacturers.
- The company ended its joint venture with Samsung to make LCDs earlier this year as panel prices fell and it became more cost-efficient to buy from other makers.

Land prices. Encana investigates accusations of colluding with rival

Encana launched an investigation Monday into accusations it colluded with a U.S. rival in order to keep land prices low in Michigan.

"In accordance with Encana's policies, an investigation of this matter was immediately initiated," David O'Brien, chairman of Encana's board of directors, said in an emailed statement.

"Encana therefore will not provide any further information at this time."

The report by the Reuters news agency alleged Encana and Chesapeake Energy talked about ways to avoid bidding against one another for land leases in Michigan's promising Collingwood shale region, both at an auction two years ago and in at least nine prospective deals with private landowners.

The report quoted emails it obtained between employees of Encana and Oklahoma-based Chesapeake.

Quoted

"We are concerned about the integrity of the auction process."

Ed Golder, spokesperson for Michigan's Department of Natural Resources, on a Reuters report alleging collusion between Encana and Chesapeake Energy

Michigan's Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the state's attorney general, is evaluating the information in the Reuters story, but a formal investigation has not been launched, department spokesman Ed Golder said.

"We are concerned about the integrity of the auction process and about getting fair market value for public assets and public land," he said in a phone interview.

The U.S. Justice Department declined to comment when reached by The Canadian Press.

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SNC-Lavalin. Former execs to face corruption charge in court next year

Two former executives with Canadian engineering giant SNC-Lavalin will be back in court next year to face a corruption charge.

Ramesh Shah, 61, of Oakville, Ont., and Mohammad Ismail, 48, of Mississauga, Ont., are accused of trying to bribe officials in Bangladesh.

The prosecution alleges they offered payment to secure contracts for supervision and construction of the Padma Bridge and an elevated expressway in Dhaka.

No money actually changed hands but the accused are alleged to have violated the Corruption of Foreign Officials Act.

Neither man nor their lawyers were in court following a judicial pre-trial before an Ontario court judge Monday. Shah had been a vice-president and Ismail was director of international projects at SNC-Lavalin in Toronto.

Their preliminary hearing was set for April 8 to 19, 2013.

The maximum penalty laid out in the law is five years of prison, making it an extraditable offence. Judges have the discretion to impose any fines with no maximum.

Last Friday, a SNC-Lavalin spokeswoman said the company hasn't been charged and she was not aware if other former employees face charges or have left SNC-Lavalin in relation to issues in Bangladesh.

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SEXISM IS NO JOKE

SHE SAYS...
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Every once in a while, you can count on some male comedian to drag out the hackneyed "girls-aren't-funny" routine to try to gain some attention — or, in Adam Carolla's case, sell a book.

In an interview with the New York Post last week, the comedian complained about his personal struggle (eye roll) with unfunny female colleagues. "They make you hire a certain number of chicks, and they're always the least funny on the writing staff," he whined. "The reason why you know more funny dudes than funny chicks is that dudes are funnier than chicks."

It's pretty pathetic when a 48-year-old man uses words like "dudes" and "chicks" to offer commentary on gender roles in comedy. But I suppose this is the type of enlightened discourse we can expect from the comic genius behind The Man Show, a now-defunct program that featured such classic bro-centric segments as Guess Whose Asscrack and Breast Implant Fashion Show.

If Carolla expects his staff writers to rely on low-brow, homophobic (GLAAD recently lambasted Carolla after he joked that the LGBT acronym should be changed to YUCK), frat-boy humour to get cheap laughs, then I'm not surprised to learn that he hasn't encountered many women who adhere to his idea of funny.

In reality

"There are a growing number of female comedians disproving these sexist theories, both in front of the camera and behind the scenes."

Sadly, while the backlash against Carolla's misogynistic remarks was substantial, he's not alone in his sexist ideas. The late Christopher Hitchens opined a similar argument in his infamous 2007 Vanity Fair essay titled Why Women Aren't Funny.

In the piece, Hitchens suggested that men are obliged to be funny in order to attract members of the opposite sex. "Women have no corresponding need to appeal to men in this way," he wrote. "They already appeal to men, if you catch my drift." Presumably, Hitchens' drift is that men are only attracted to women in a superficial (read: libido-driven) way. Underlying this belief is the dangerously chauvinist assumption that women are to be looked at, not heard from.

Thankfully, there are a growing number of female comedians disproving these sexist theories, both in front of the camera and behind the scenes. Kristen Wiig, Lena Dunham, Mindy Kaling, Wanda Sykes, Tina Fey, Betty White — the list of women who are funnier (not to mention more successful) than Adam Carolla is endless. These women produce and star in their own films and TV shows, they win awards, and they narrate audiobooks that will make you laugh aloud like a lunatic on the bus during your morning commute.

As for Adam Carolla, this washed-up man-child should go back to hosting his wildly successful podcast that you've probably never heard of.

Adam Carolla debuted his second book, Not Taco Bell Material, on June 12. It's a memoir of the comedian's life from the early years up to the present day. KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES FILE

New Yorkers beam at WTC site

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9-11 memorial site

Beam completes steel skeleton

A construction worker signs the last steel beam before it is hoisted 300 metres to the top of 4 World Trade Center on Monday in New York City.

The trapezoidal glass and steel office building, which is designed as an architectural backdrop to the September 11 Memorial, is scheduled to open in 2013.

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Construction worker Frank Gasior gazes as the last steel beam is hoisted to the top of 4 World Trade Center. GETTY IMAGES

Then and now

"Ten years later, it's pretty remarkable. This is a very proud moment. It's full circle."

Sally Rexach, a nurse who aids workers at the site as she did during the rescue and recovery work following Sept. 11. She said she had tears streaming down her face while the beam was lifted into the sky.

First tower completed

Redevelopment long overdue

Developer Larry Silverstein told the crowd that his goal was "to give New Yorkers back the city terrorists tried to take away."

After years of funding and planning disagreements that at times threatened progress, Silverstein acknowledged, "It's been a very tough time." But added, "I've always believed in downtown New York."

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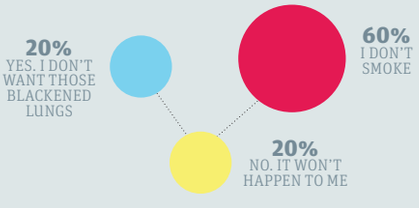

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Scene in brief

Billy Ray heads to Broadway

Country singer Billy Ray Cyrus is making his Broadway debut in Chicago. The singer of Achy Breaky Heart and father of Miley Cyrus is detouring from his Nashville roots in taking on the role of criminal lawyer Billy Flynn for a seven-week engagement beginning Nov. 5. Cyrus starred with his daughter in the hit TV series Hannah Montana, and has acted in TV movies on Lifetime and the Hallmark Channel. Cyrus has also hosted country music's Nashville Star and was a competitor on Dancing With The Stars.

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On the web

Black Keys sue Pizza Hut, Home Depot for copyright infringement over song use in ads

Alex Pettyfer bares all

Magic Mike. Actor talks about psyching himself up for semi-nude dancing

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Magic Mike opens in theatres on Friday. HANDOUT

While audiences are already familiar with Alex Pettyfer after a busy 2011 — with I am Number Four, Beastly and In Time — they are about to see a lot more of him, to put it lightly, with the release of Magic Mike. Pettyfer stars as a newcomer to the world of male stripping taken under the wing of the titular Mike (Channing Tatum, who is also the inspiration for Pettyfer's character). Stripping may seem like a daunting gig, but it turns out baring all didn't bother him as much as learning to dance.

How awkward have interviews for this film been?

I guess you kind of like dive into the fact that when you do a male stripper movie, they're going to ask you interesting questions. So you have to take everything and bite the bullet. Yes, I think the most frequently asked question is biggest wardrobe malfunction. And I think the biggest wardrobe malfunction that you have is that when you wear a thong and you have screaming girls, it can accidentally fly off. Thank God that didn't happen to me. It was during Matthew (McConaughey's) dance. It was kind of very funny.

Once you've signed up for a role like this, clearly you know what you're in for. But how do you mentally psych yourself up for it?

It's a very scary thought, one, to dance, as I've never danced before, and two — the fact that you're going to dance practically naked, you kind just wrap your head around the fact that you've got to dive into it fully. And the fact that all the other guys are in the same boat as us, doing the same thing and — apart from Channing — not having the experience beforehand, and having the experiences firsthand on the set was also very calming. I had to learn how to dance, because I can't dance. At all. To save my life. (laughs). But at the end of the day, you don't want to go to a male strip club and we're all perfect, classic dancers. What's great about the movie is that it's fun and mistakes are forgiven. It's an amazing thing to watch the flaws of a stripper because more comedy and more grime equals more reaction.

You're not playing Channing Tatum per se, but he is the basis for your character. Having him there must be...

A little awkward (laughs). It's a little awkward, yeah, because obviously he's a phenomenal dancer, for one, and you can't compete with that. And he's lived this life. But it actually really helped me, personally, because the awkwardness and vulnerability of not having experienced what goes on in this world was actually what my character had to experience, so it actually really helped.

You also had some very enthusiastic extras on set for the dance numbers.

They were phenomenal. I wouldn't really call them actresses because I think they were very, very glad to be there. On most film sets with background, you have to be like, "Give more!" And with these guys, for 12 hours straight they were screaming.

Showgirls

What about that other stripper movie?

"A friend asked me if this is the male Showgirls — which it really isn't. I almost had a heart attack there. Like, are we Showgirls? Oh, f—!," says Pettyfer.

But will people draw that connection anyway, because it's a movie about stripping? Pettyfer doesn't think so.

"You follow the characters through a journey," he says.

"It just happens to be in the world of male wstripping."

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Series a 'distorted' view of Hutterites?

A Hutterite woman picks carrots at the King Colony in Montana. HANDOUT

Controversy. Author asks for apology from National Geographic over culture's depiction

A Saskatchewan author is condemning the National Geographic Channel for a TV documentary series they broadcast depicting the Hutterite culture from a sect in Montana.

"The program was intended or promised to be a factual, accurate documentary, and this of course is nothing like it," said Mary-Ann Kirkby, author of I Am Hutterite.

Kirkby spent the first 10 years of her life growing up in the Fairholme Hutterite Colony near Portage la Prairie, Man. Her book focuses on her own personal experience.

"We are all deeply upset about this show," she said of the 10-part series American Colony: Meet the Hutterites.

Bishops from three Hutterite sects, John Stahl, Peter Entz and John Waldner, who represent around 50,000 followers and 500 colonies in North America, have also complained about the show and are demanding an apology from the network.

"What was promised by the producers to be a 'factual documentary' is in fact a distorted and exploitative version of Hutterite life that paints all 50,000 Hutterites in North America in a negative and inaccurate way," Stahl said in a news release.

"Scenes and dialogue were contrived resulting in a 'make-believe' depiction of how we live and the spiritual beliefs we cherish."

Kirkby said she has spoken with the bishops and they want action.

"What I understand is (the bishops) would love to have it pulled from the airwaves, but they are asking that in fact the National Geographic Society admit publicly that this is not an accurate portrayal of the King Ranch Hutterite colony or Hutterites anywhere and that it is, in fact, a reality show that was staged at the King Ranch colony," Kirkby said.

She said that situations which happened on the ranch would not be tolerated in any sect, adding she was told by people on King Ranch that producers of the show had extras dress up in Hutterite attire to make it look like there were more people. Kirkby alleges some storylines were fabricated, including an episode where teens from the colony visited Canada for a wedding.

Although the executive producer of the series, Jeff Collins, could not be reached for comment, a statement was issued on behalf of the network.

"National Geographic Channel fully believes in our new series American Colony: Meet the Hutterites," it read.

"An incredible group of individuals who have been fully supportive of the show since its inception, the King Colony was gracious enough to let National Geographic Channel cameras into their homes to provide perspective into who they are as individuals and a community, and we have nothing but the utmost respect for their way of life."

The statement said the producing partners at Collins Avenue worked closely with the leaders on King Ranch colony and have portrayed their daily lives in an authentic and accurate manner. "As a result, the show is a truthful representation of the struggle between the younger generation and the colony leaders.

"In fact, the letter from the Bishops is a perfect example of how this struggle plays out in their community, which is not scripted in any way, and we are honoured that they have chosen us as an avenue to share their stories."

The release stated the Hutterites of the King Ranch colony are excited at the opportunity to allow the outside world get a glimpse at their lifestyle.

Kirkby said their culture is like many others — imperfect and there are small cases of unacceptable behaviour, but not on the scale the series is portraying. "We are not Utopia. We, like every society, face many challenges," she said.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Trebek has a heart attack

Alex Trebek

Longtime Jeopardy host Alex Trebek suffered a mild heart attack over the weekend, but is expected to recover, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

Trebek, who has hosted the game show for 28 years, "is in good spirits and is currently under observation and undergoing further testing," a rep says. "He is expected to fully recover and be back at Jeopardy when production begins taping in July for the new season."

Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart

Robert and Kristen were 'all over each other'

Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart turned heads at the star-studded wedding of Hollywood producer Kevin Turen and Evelina Oboza in New Jersey over the weekend, according to Us Weekly, partying with guests until 7 a.m. and engaging in some fairly public displays of affection.

"Rob and Kristen were all over each other," a source says. Pattinson also got a chance to let loose with Andrew Garfield and Zac Efron during the reception: "There was a little area where you could go and play music," the source explains.

"Rob sang, Andrew played the bongos, Zac played the guitar. It was a whole spectacle."

Amy Winehouse and Blake Fielder-Civil

Did Winehouse want a baby with her ex?

Amy Winehouse was reportedly desperate to have a child with ex-husband Blake Fielder-Civil — even after the pair split up — Blake's mother, Georgette Fielder-Civil, told a British newspaper.

Georgette says that before her son went away for his latest prison term, he showed her letters from Winehouse post-divorce that clearly indicate their romance was far from over.

"In one letter, Amy wrote that Blake was definitely getting her pregnant within two months. She talked about conceiving the baby — which they would call Lucky — on Valentine's Day," Georgette says. "Even after their divorce Amy told Blake she'd love him forever. They carried on talking to each other until a few months before she died."

The Word

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Anthony Bourdain: Off with their heads

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Somewhere between continent-hopping and mysterious cauldrons of soup, chef and No Reservations host Anthony Bourdain found the time to pen a graphic novel.

Part kitchen revenge fantasy, part kung-fu foodie fun, Get Jiro! includes a scene in which a man is decapitated for ordering a blasphemous California roll.

"There are people who work 60 years trying to get the same 20 to 25 pieces of classic sushi perfect, but they know they will never reach that point. That kind of drive for perfection deserves respect," Bourdain told us when we caught up with him this week in New York City.

"So when you see somebody go into a regular sushi bar and treat it like it's crap or just another meal, well, I fantasized about seeing somebody lose their head!"

We wonder what the recommended punishment would be for a sriracha sprinkle. Not that we'd ever do that. We're just wondering — for our savage friends, whose heads aren't ours.

Courtney Love is just being Courtney Love

One of Courtney Love's less destructive habits is throwing around lawsuits — in 2009, the rocker put her legal team on 14 cases in 10 months. But apparently, she forgot to pay for their many services. The rocker is being sued by her former lawyers for almost half a million in legal bills, reports TMZ.

Although she sent flowers and thank-you gifts, the suit alleges that the rare cheques bounced, and that Love used her funds to pay for a gaggle of personal assistants.

There's something refreshingly 'Courtney Love' about getting sued by your lawyer. Never change, Court.

Courtney Love

Jason Segel

Michelle Williams

Jason Segel is 'totally smitten' with Michelle Williams

Things seem to be going well on the romance front for Michelle Williams and Jason Segel. Williams "hasn't been this happy in forever," a source tells People magazine of the couple, who made a brief appearance at the after-party for the premiere of her new film, Take This Waltz, in New York late last week.

Segel, for his part, is just as happy. "Jason is totally smitten," the source says. "It's like the first girl he's ever been this way with."

Reese Witherspoon acknowledges her bump

While her baby bump has grown, Reese Witherspoon has stayed relatively mum on her pregnancy — her first with new husband Jim Toth.

But she finally acknowledged the obvious while at an event in Chicago, according to the Chicago Sun Times.

"Frankly, I'm feeling very round tonight," she told the crowd. When a reporter suggested she avoid the city's famously hearty food, she added, "Maybe, but it's not easy. I'm always feeling like I'd like to eat everything in sight."

As for her immediate plans, Witherspoon is currently shooting Devil's Knot with Colin Firth in Atlanta.

"After that, I'm going to take a little time off — and go have a baby," Witherspoon said.

Reese Witherspoon

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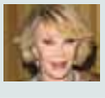

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Who is Hollywood's hottest couple? Emma Stone and Andrew Garfield! They're like Brangelina, but without the child labor.

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Health minute

Why go meatless?

Why should people aim to reduce their consumption of red meat? Metro asked Meatless Monday founder, Sid Lerner, for a few reasons: "Animal fat is the villain. Red meat is high in cholesterol and saturated fat and knocking it off the menu is good for your health. Eating it in excessive amounts (a portion larger than the size of a deck of cards, more than three times week) could eventually trigger a heart disease and or, diabetes. Eating mass amounts of red meat messes up the environment. Reducing global consumption will lighten up our carbon footprint. Cutting out meat from your meals one day a week is no big deal. We even managed to get celebrity chef, Mario Batali — who is a massive pork fan — to back the campaign. With enough willpower, anyone can do it."
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On the Web

The Lifesaving Society is hoping to prevent drownings among teens by strengthening their swimming skills before they hit high school

Go meatless this summer

Food for thought. The Meatless Monday campaign is fighting to reduce global meat consumption by urging carnivores to go veggie one day a week. In the Meat Free Monday Cookbook veteran vegetarian, Beatles singer Paul McCartney, shares his favourite recipes. Here's one:

ROMINA McGUINNESS
Metro World News

It's no secret that a diet high in processed red meat can dramatically increase the risk of death from heart disease or cancer. But with the summer barbecue season in full swing, we've been gorging on burgers most weekends. Will cheese and beans ever rival the real deal? Probably not. But it's time to tackle the scary truth, one steak at a time.

This is a fantastic salad. Here it's served with tofu, but you could just as easily serve it with veggie burgers or vegetarian sausages, as well as fries and mashed potatoes.

Paul and his daughters / CONTRIBUTED

Paul McCartney's Super Vegetable Salad

If you're looking for something other than a steak, this is the dish for you. CONTRIBUTED

1 Preheat the oven to 400°F and roast the cherry tomatoes for 10 minutes.

2 Cover the bottom of a pan with cold water and place a steamer above it. Put the broccoli, green beans, and carrots in the steamer, turn the heat on quite high, and steam for about 15 minutes, occasionally prodding the carrots with a fork to see if they are done. Some people like them slightly crunchy, others prefer them a little softer.

3 While the vegetables are steaming, make a salad with the leaves and scallions.

4 Combine the cornmeal and herbs in a bowl. Heat some olive oil in a frying pan. Dip the tofu in the cornmeal mixture and then fry until golden.

5 Whisk together the ingredients for the dressing, but only pour over at the last minute.

Ingredients

Serves 4

- 28 cherry tomatoes
- 3 florets of broccoli
- 12 green beans, cut into 1 inch lengths
- 2 carrots, peeled and sliced into 1 inch pieces
- 1 lettuce — I like Romaine
- 3 scallions, finely chopped
- 2/3 cup cornmeal
- a handful of chopped herbs of your choice
- 9 ounces tofu, cut into slices
- olive oil for frying

For the dressing

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard (optional)
- 1 teaspoon maple syrup (if you like a bit of sweetness)

Best Health

Five foods to help your skin

BEST HEALTH MINUTE
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Yes, you still need to wear sunscreen and a hat. But protecting your skin from the sun can also be delicious.

Each issue of Best Health magazine is full of often-surprising information about nutrition for Canadians.

In the Summer issue, on newsstands now, nutritionist Allison Tannis offers a list of five foods that provide the best sun-damage protection.

1. Tart cherries.
They are packed with melatonin, protecting your skin against UV rays and helping to repair sunburned skin by stimulating new skin-cell growth. And cherries' vitamin C builds collagen, helping prevent wrinkles.

2. Crimini mushrooms.
Because these are loaded with the mineral selenium, which produces antioxidants in your body, they fight free radicals that form in your skin after sun exposure.

3. Green tea.
This contains an antioxidant that helps ward off inflammation of the skin and neutralize free radicals.

4. Pomegranates.
Their high antioxidant content fights inflammation, and reduces the ability of UVB rays to cause cancer-promoting damage in skin cells.

5. Fatty fish.
Salmon, for example, is loaded with selenium and protein, both needed for skin repair. Eating fish will also keep your skin hydrated and radiant.

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Pesticides still affecting our daily lives

Chemicals. Despite recent moves to remove them from our food system, they can still be found

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Pesticides still lurk. Your city may have banned these pest-killing chemicals, but they continue to quietly cause illness in society. The Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) recently conducted a review of 142 studies on pesticides, and found their use is associated with disorders of breathing, brain development and reproduction.

"The bans are a great step in the right direction," says Dr. Kate Bassil, an epidemiologist at Mount Sinai Hospital, "but there is still an opportunity to decrease exposure."

Pesticides are still used in many ways: To kill bugs on house plants, in farming, in flea and tick products, and on lawns, explains Bassil, an assistant professor at the University of Toronto and an author of the review.

"The message from our report is, look at opportunities wherever possible to decrease exposure."

Pesticides are still prevalent in our society's foods. ISTOCK

When a pregnant woman is being exposed to pesticides it can have negative effects on her developing baby — leading to low birth weight or abnormal reactions to stimuli.

"In the uterus, while the baby is developing, pesticides can cross the blood-brain barrier and impact the developing brain," says Bassil.

The review also suggests that ADHD is more common in children who had higher levels of pesticide exposure during their mother's pregnancy.

Farm employees show an increased risk of asthma from working near pesticides 2,4-D and glyphosate.

"One simple message that often comes up is about the fruits and vegetables we eat," says Bassil.

"Where possible, choose organic, but that is not always affordable, so wash your fruits and vegetables thoroughly."

The OCFP suggests that if you are exposed to pesticides in an agricultural setting, use personal protection equipment and change your clothes after work.

Watch out

"The message from our report is, look at opportunities wherever possible to decrease exposure."
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All good lunch columns go to foodie heaven, even this one

Loaded Ship Burger ($9.95), Dan and Jocelyn (priceless). DAN CLAPSON

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It is true what they say: All good things must come to an end. Contrary to what you may be thinking, I am not referring to Dawson's Creek.

I am sad to say that this column is departing from all Metro papers across Canada as of today. When I heard the news, I decided to drown my sorrows and appease my appetite at my favourite place to have lunch in Calgary, The Ship and Anchor.

For me, this pub isn't solely about what's on your plate (I had a Loaded Ship Burger with Fries, $9.95), it's about the entire experience. You just can't buy this kind of atmosphere. Whether you're soaking up sunshine on the awesome patio, recouping with a Caesar after a late night out or just on a first date that ends badly, this place always feels like home.

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2. In a medium skillet over a medium-high temperature, heat the olive oil. Add the onion, garlic and thyme, then sauté for 5 minutes, or until the onion starts to get tender. Season with salt and pepper, then set aside.

3. Split each English muffin in half and arrange cut side up on a baking sheet. Set under the broiler just long enough to lightly toast, about 1 minute.

4. Top each muffin half with brie, then spoon a bit of the onion mixture over each. Place under the broiler for another minute. Transfer the halves to serving plates, then top each with a spoonful of honeycomb. Serve immediately.

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Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 4 large whole-wheat English muffins
- 6 ounces brie, thinly sliced
- Honeycomb

Low-Cal Tuna Burger.
The ticket for those craving takeout taste

1. In bowl, combine tuna, egg whites and panko. Form into 2 burger patties.

2. In bowl, mix cottage cheese and roasted garlic. Set aside.

3. In a sauté pan over medium-high heat, place tuna burger patties and sauté for 3 minutes per side.

4. Place lettuce leaf on one half of each kaiser roll and top with seared tuna burger.

5. Place 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the cottage cheese mixture on top, followed by tomato, onion and turkey bacon. Place remaining half of kaiser roll on top and skewer with a dill pickle.

THE CANADIAN PRESS/ CLOVER LEAF

Ingredients

- 2 cans (each 85 g) tomato and onion flaked light tuna
- 2 egg whites
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) panko (Japanese breadcrumbs)
- 2 lettuce leaves
- 2 whole-grain kaiser rolls (sliced horizontally)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) non-fat cottage cheese
- 2 cloves roasted garlic
- 2 each tomato & onion slices
- 2 strips turkey bacon, cooked
- 2 dill pickles, for garnish

A hearty and delicious mix of grains and legumes

This lentil burger not only contains lots of complementary vegetable protein from its combination of grains and legumes, but its meaty texture is hearty and delicious.

1. In a skillet over medium-high heat, place oil. Toss in onion, mushrooms and garlic and sauté until browned, about 10 minutes.

2. Transfer mixture to a food processor. Add remaining ingredients except sweet potato. Purée until smoothly combined. Transfer to a mixing bowl and stir in sweet potato. Let mixture rest for 10 minutes.

3. Using your hands, shape mixture into evenly formed patties. They may be cooked immediately, refrigerated for a few days or frozen for 1 month.

4. When it is time to cook the burgers, you can fry them in a lightly oiled sauté pan, sear them on a griddle or outdoor grill or bake in a 200 C (400 F) oven 15 to 20 minutes.

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Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 250 g (1/2 lb) fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 500 ml (2 cups) cooked lentils
- 250 ml (1 cup) breadcrumbs
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) peanut or almond butter
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) miso paste
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) soy sauce
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) dried thyme
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chia seeds
- 500 ml (2 cups) grated sweet potato

This recipe makes six to eight servings. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

How to socialize your boyfriend and not be annoying

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Dear Charles,
I have to admit that the man I chose to be my boyfriend has some traits that I would prefer he did not possess. OK, I admit it: I think he has bad manners. For example, he has a habit of forgetting to ask for his water without ice at restaurants. At the end of the meal, he wants to drink water without ice, so he scoops ice out with a fork or a spoon and puts it in his empty plate. Then he drinks the water. Sometimes I try not to let it bother me, especially when we're in a really casual restaurant. However the other night he did it in a small, fancier restaurant, and I could see people looking at him. How do I socialize my boyfriend without being an annoying girlfriend who is overtly trying to socialize her boyfriend? I've tried to model ordering water without ice (even though I prefer ice) but he doesn't get the hint. Rolling my eyes and being annoyed when he does stuff like that is more effective at getting him to stop, but I don't like acting like that.
Stressed Girlfriend

Dear Stressed Girlfriend,

I'm a firm believer you must deal with this issue head on and sooner rather than later, so how do we do this?

Firstly, not in public, nor in front of a waiter, pick a private place when it is just the two of you. Once alone, I think I would just come right out and say, "You know John, I've noticed that when you pick the ice out of your glass, people at the tables around us are staring at you, and it is making me uncomfortable. Would you please do me a favour and when you order water, can you please order it without ice?"

The reason I like this method is because it tells him about others who have observed his behaviour and as his girlfriend, how this makes you uncomfortable.

Please let us know how it goes! Fingers crossed!

Take the hint, honey! ISTOCK

Do as I say, not as I do

Q&A. Bravo show offers glimpse of what real life is like for a dating expert

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro New York

New York matchmaker Amy Laurent is about to star in a show that points out all the ways in which she doesn't stick to her own dating advice.

Bravo TV's Miss Advised features herself and two other savvy relationship experts — Julia Allison in Los Angeles and Emily Morse in San Francisco — who can dole out great bits of wisdom for other people, but have a hard time settling down themselves. Laurent discussed with us the perils and perks of dating on TV.

I can't imagine anyone signs up to do a reality show knowing it will end up being about how, as a dating expert, she doesn't take her own dating advice.

Well, I knew. First of all, the decision to make a reality show is a big one. I knew that this wasn't a matchmaker show. It was pretty clear that this would be an inside look at what real life is for an expert. When you go into a show knowing there are two other relationship experts who happen to be single, you can't lie to yourself and say, "I didn't know this was going to delve into my personal life."

Which of your own rules is the hardest to follow?

I'm really great at guiding people through relationships because my heart's not involved and I'm in control. When my ex came back into town, I felt like a 12-year-old girl in a panic. You're not supposed to see your ex. ... And what do I say? I say, "I can't wait to see you."

But it's real and this is what being human is all about.

How did you prepare the men you were dating for spending time in front of the camera?

To be honest, for the past four and a half years, I haven't really dated, so having a camera there didn't make much of a difference for me because I was just getting myself back into the dating world. There was no prep time. Yes, doing a show like this, you have to get used to the cameras, but I can promise you that when you're dealing with something so raw and real, you forget the cameras are there. It really gets personal.

From left to right, Julia Allison, Emily Morse and Amy Laurent star in Bravo TV's Miss Advised. HANDOUT

Her dating rules for men

• Don't ask her out for the second date while on the first date. "Don't put that person on the spot."

• Don't reach out too soon after the first date. "(Reach out) maybe the next evening."

• Don't plan dinner or drinks at your house. "Obviously, don't have sex early on."

Her dating rules for women

• Never initiate the text to the guy. "Let him initiate. If you start taking that role, guess what? He's going to sit back and relax and you're going to have to chase him."

• Keep busy. "If you like a guy, don't say no to other dates. Keep dating other people until you're exclusive."

• Don't accept same-day dates. "I don't care if you're bored off your butt and he says, 'Are you free tonight?' You teach him: 'You want to see me? You have to plan ahead.'"

Eleanore Wells: Spinster and loving it

Lessons. Author hopes to show women that husbands and children aren't for everyone

"I love having a boyfriend. I love having him go home," says Eleanore Wells, the vivacious author of The Spinsterlicious Life: 20 Life Lessons for Living Happily Single & Childfree.

Wells has not had what many consider the traditional life. By middle age, she is unmarried and child-free. And she's sick of people pitying her for it.

"I don't think husbands and kids are for everybody," she says. "I think they're really good things to have, but lots of women, either by choice or by circumstance, are not going to have that. My belief is that you owe yourself a good life, no matter what your circumstance is. ... I'm living proof, because I have a fantastic life."

Having been a source of inspiration to her other single friends, Wells decided to outline, in her book, all of the benefits of singledom. Her points are not aimed at rejecting coupling, but at leading a full life while alone, which can also lead to being not so single anymore.

"You can certainly figure out a way to celebrate all the other good things that are going on in your life," says Wells.

"And happy people often attract other people."

Eleanore Wells. HANDOUT

The 'Spin'

Pearls of Wells' wisdom:

• If your ex was a jerk the first time around, he'll still be a jerk next time around: "If (your reason for breaking up the first time was) personality — or behavior-related — he was a jerk, he wasn't nice, if he was mean, if he cheated — you know those are four things that kind of say something about the person. Don't go there."

• You can't force chemistry: "I think you kind of know relatively quickly whether you are drawn to someone. ... I don't think you can fake that. I don't think you can force it. So, there was a time when I would meet, you know, what we would call your 'standard nice guy,' and I'd feel nothing and I'd say, 'Oh, but he's so great, he's a good person! I should be attracted to him. I should want to date him.' It doesn't work."

• Babies aren't for everybody: "There's almost nothing else you can do in life that you can't take back or change in any way. Having a kid is (one of those things). You have to be 100 per cent all the way in, and so if there's doubt there, I think you should wait until there is no doubt.

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In the dark: Don't miss a mortgage payment because the Internet is down. CONTRIBUTED

Does the Net handle all your finances?

Plugged in. Trying to pay a bill or cancel a card can be a total nightmare when the Internet is down — have a back-up plan

YOUR MONEY
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We're all pretty much tech addicts these days and nowhere is this dependency more evident than in our Internet love affair. But everyone must have a fall back plan if you lose your connection, especially for financial data. I know of what I write.

This week I lost my service for a couple of hours and it pretty much brought my work to a standstill. I couldn't access e-mail, let alone pay bills or check my calendar. I also had to contact my bank regarding a transaction. But have you ever tried to contact a specific person at a branch when you can't even locate a current phone book?

When the Internet abandons you the biggest concern is accessing your financial life. Delays could mean interest charges or other penalties.

One reader missed making his RRSP contribution when he lost service the night of the deadline. That cost him thousands in tax.

Here are four important steps you should take to protect your finances from cyber interruption.

1. **Save.** With programs such as Yahoo or Gmail, which are not resident in your computer, save important e-mails to your hard disk. Search the respective help programs for instructions. But I find it is even quicker to cut and paste e-bills or other important financial e-mails and save them in Word.

The advantage here is that you can make notes about when a bill is paid or add information about changing a cell or cable package, for example, with the relevant confirmation number. Assuming you back up your computer the information is easily accessible, Net or no Net.

2. **Contacts.** Print your contact list and make sure you have contact numbers for every bill you pay as well as for your bank and brokerage. Store it somewhere safe.

3. **Inventory.** Have a hard copy of all banking information including account numbers, passwords and security questions. I abbreviate the latter two for safety. For extra protection store it in a safety deposit box but be aware that if the bank isn't open you're stuck.

4. **Calendar.** Maintain a simple hard copy calendar or one resident on your computer noting when all bills are due. It will be a lifesaver if the Internet goes dark.

Alison's money rule

"Love the Net but be sure to have a financial back-up plan for when it fails."

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On the cheap

Ten ways to save money moving

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I spent this past weekend moving out of my suburban house and into my new downtown condo. Though I knew it would be expensive, I underestimated the timing of my total costs.

My VISA card hasn't seen this much action in one weekend since the time it was stolen four years ago.

Here are ten easy ways to save big when moving.

1. In advance of your move, prepare a budget. A budget is a tool to help you plan for your total moving expenses so you can avoid unnecessary debt once the bills start rolling in. Include costs such as truck rental, mileage, movers, soft costs and more.

2. **Plan for soft costs which fall outside of your expected moving expenses such as utility, cable, Internet and phone hook-ups.** Closing costs for a house such as legal fees and taxes can add up to thousands. Don't get caught off-guard by soft costs! Ask your realtor or lawyer what to expect.

3. Downsize before you move so there will be less to transport. I sold 80 per cent of my furniture prior to moving through Kijiji. I also donated boxes of clothes, coats, boots, games and other household goods to a local charity. Use websites such as Craigslist, Kijiji, eBay and others to off-load your goods.

4. Rather than paying a moving company to pack up, transport, and unpack your house, do it yourself. If you're moving locally, bribe your friends to help with pizza, beer, begging and a big "thank you". Borrow a pick-up truck, and cart your things over by the truckload.

If you've got a long haul to your new place, rent a truck through a company like U-Haul. Alternatively, it can be more affordable to ship your stuff using a pod rather than a moving truck.

5. If you need to hire movers, get multiple quotes, which will help you negotiate for the best rate. Work alongside with movers, so that you can reduce the time it takes and total billable hours. Save big by moving in the off season or mid-week rather than on the weekend.

6. Negotiate everything. Moving company's fees, truck rates, and much more are negotiable. Ask for a discount, present a competitive offer and if the manager doesn't want to cut you a deal, take your business elsewhere.

7. Clean up yourself. Unlike my new condo, which was a pigsty when I took possession, most new homes are supposed to be clean. Don't hire a cleaner. Grab your rubber gloves and start scrubbing.

8. Save on packing supplies. Borrow boxes from friends, or ask your local grocery store for free ones. Dollar stores sell inexpensive packing tape and markets. Use your clothes, towels and sheets to wrap delicate items rather than buying bubble wrap.

9. Deduct qualified moving expenses from your taxes. Check with your accountant whether your expenses are deductible and keep all of your moving receipts.

10. If you're moving for work, ask your employer to pay for it.

Don't forget to put your piggy bank in the U-Haul van. ISTOCK IMAGES

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Many Canadian families are tightening their belts, and examining the role of credit cards is an important step when your review your household budget. With more than 70 million credit cards now in circulation in Canada, we easily take for granted the number of real benefits they can provide for the average consumer.

When you use a credit card for everyday shopping, for instance, you don't need to carry a large amount of cash or provide the additional identification necessary to pay with a cheque.

A credit card also gives you a complete detailed summary of your monthly spending, an indispensable tool for creating and managing a budget.

Young Canadians should be aware that acquiring a credit card and using it responsibly is the quickest way to establish a positive credit rating, an absolute necessity for when they apply for a car loan or mortgage. Maintaining a strong credit rating by paying your credit card bills on time will help secure the lowest possible interest rate when you do apply for a mortgage or loan.

Credit cards often get a bad rap as debt magnets. On average, however, they account for less than five per cent of total household debt. Since more than 64 per cent of us pay our credit card balance in full each month, most of us pay an effective interest rate of zero. A credit card provides a convenient and secure way to shop, budget and manage your finances.

With the growing popularity of online shopping, credit cards have become even more essential; they can also help reduce the hassles of travel.

Millions of merchants accept major credit cards around the world, so you rarely have to worry about having foreign currency on hand. Furthermore, they are usually required to reserve a hotel room, rent a car, and make other travel arrangements.

Depending on the credit card you choose, you can earn points toward travel or merchandise with every dollar you spend. Many people use credit cards for regular expenses such as groceries and monthly bill payments to amass as many points as possible. Some cards also include plans that extend warranties and offer insurance on purchases. Competition amongst card providers for your business is fierce — with a bit of research, you can get a card with the extra features that suits your needs exactly, maximizing the benefits.

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Women's basketball

Canadians step closer to London

The Canadian women's basketball team moved a step closer toward qualifying for the London Games.

Canada thumped Mali 89-23 on Monday in the opening game for both teams at a FIBA Olympic qualifying tournament.

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NBA

Heat celebrate with parade

With tens of thousands of fans lining the route, the Miami Heat held their championship parade on Monday. Players and coaches were on double-decker buses with friends and family, most taking photos and video of the crowd.

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Gymnastics

Canadian banned after drug test

A Canadian gymnast has been suspended for six months after testing positive for marijuana.

The world governing body of gymnastics says Cory Marsh, 18, from Oakville, Ont., failed a drug test in Orlando in April.

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Euro 2012

Germany looks to change tradition

Germany's young team can achieve something none of its predecessors have ever managed — beat Italy at a major tournament. Germany captain Philipp Lahm says his teammates are not concerned with statistics.

But even the coaching staff is impressed by the cool nerves of Italy's Andrea Pirlo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL. Sakic, Shanahan head list of hall hopefuls

Joe Sakic, Brendan Shanahan, Mats Sundin and Jeremy Roenick lead the list of first-year eligible players hoping to get the call from the Hockey Hall of Fame.

The Hall will announce its newest inductees on Tuesday. The 2012 class will enter the Hall on Nov. 22.

"Every year now it's getting real difficult," Hall of Famer Scotty Bowman, a member of the Hall's 18-member selection committee, said of choosing the inductees.

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Joe Sakic won two Stanley Cups and had 625 goals and 1,016 assists in 1,378 NHL games. GETTY IMAGES

NHL. Star players align ahead of CBA negotiations

It could have been an all-star team.

First Alex Ovechkin strode through the hotel lobby and into a meeting room. Soon Jonathan Toews, John Tavares, Shea Weber, Shane Doan and 50 other NHLers followed — as sure a sign as any about how seriously members of the NHL Players' Association are taking their last set of meetings before negotiations begin on a new collective bargaining agreement.

NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr has repeatedly talked about how important it is for a wide variety of players to be engaged in the process. Now he's reached the moment of truth — formal CBA talks with the NHL will begin "very quickly" after this session ends Wednesday, according to Fehr.

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"It's the future for everybody.... It's our lives."

Alex Ovechkin on upcoming collective bargaining agreement negotiations

Former Wimbledon champ Venus Williams ousted

Tennis. Williams was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease last year

Racket bag slung over her shoulder, resignation written across her face, Venus Williams weaved through fans milling about on the sidewalks that players must traverse to get from Court 2 to the Wimbledon locker-rooms.

The 32-year-old Williams had just absorbed a lopsided first-round loss at the Grand Slam tournament she once ruled, a poor performance that raised questions about how much longer she will keep playing tennis while dealing with an energy-sapping illness.

She trudged by as her hitting partner, David Witt, was saying: "It's tough to watch sometimes. I think everybody sees it. I don't know what else to say."

Looking lethargic, and rarely showing off the power-based game that carried her to five Wimbledon titles and seven majors overall, Williams departed meekly Monday with a 6-1, 6-3 defeat against 79th-ranked Elena Vesnina of Russia. Only once before — as a teenager making her Wimbledon debut in 1997 — had Williams exited so early at the All England Club.

Still, Williams said she'll be at the London Olympics next month and is "planning" to be back at Wimbledon next year.

"I feel like I'm a great player," Williams said.

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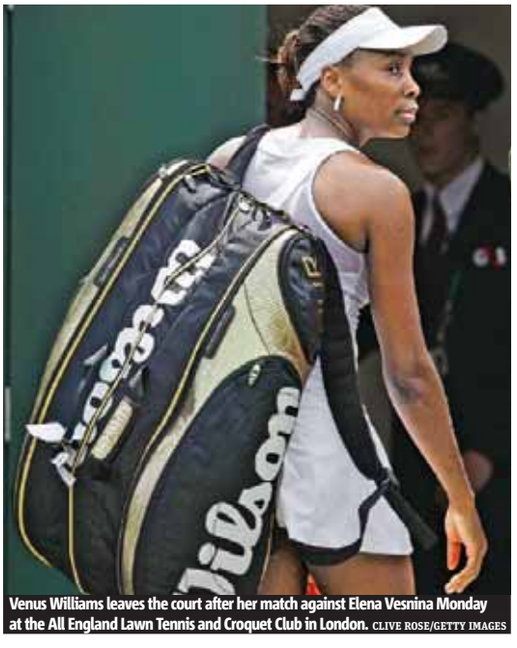
Isner out

- John Isner, best known for winning the longest match in tennis history, went five sets at Wimbledon again — and lost this time, to 73rd-ranked Alejandro Falla.



Venus Williams leaves the court after her match against Elena Vesnina Monday at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in London. CLIVE ROSE/GETTY IMAGES

Historic CFL season has plenty of drama

Former Calgary Stampeders quarterback Henry Burris will make his Hamilton Tiger-Cats debut on Friday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The 2012 season will be a nostalgic one for the CFL as it marks the 100th anniversary of the Grey Cup.

But after a busy off-season, there will be plenty of drama for football fans long before the historic championship game is played in November.

The season opens with four new head coaches across the league, slotback Andy Fantuz playing closer to home and longtime West Division quarterbacks Ricky Ray and Henry Burris renewing their rivalry in southern Ontario.

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers and Hamilton Tiger-Cats, meanwhile, will bid farewell to their longtime stadiums at the end of the season while B.C. Lions veteran receiver Geroy Simon is on the verge of a major milestone.

"There were significant changes in the off-season," commissioner Mark Cohon said in an interview. "I think all these stories build great momentum for us in 2012."

Burris and Fantuz will both make their Hamilton debut on Friday when the Tiger-Cats host Saskatchewan. The Ticats acquired Burris from the Calgary Stampeders but the game will be especially significant for Fantuz, a native of Chatham, Ont., who spent his first six CFL seasons in Regina before signing with Hamilton as a free agent this off-season.

Drew Tate will begin his first full season as the Stampeders' starter when they take on the Montreal Alouettes on Canada Day. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Major milestone

67

The number of receiving yards Geroy Simon needs to break Milt Stegall's all-time record of 15,153.

4 SPORTS

Women's soccer

"We're a very confident team right now and we feel that on any given day, we can beat the Japans, the U.S.A.'s, the Swedens."

Canadian women's soccer captain Christine Sinclair. She says her experienced team is primed for this summer's Olympics. The 18-woman squad announced Monday has a combined 1,374 caps. After the team's poor showing at last year's World Cup, Sinclair acknowledges it's time for the seventh-ranked Canadians to deliver against top opposition.

"We're a confident team and we feel that we can beat them, but that's just words. We have to actually do it."

Christine Sinclair
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On the web

Canadian welterweight Rory (Ares) MacDonald is looking to take down a legend at UFC 152 in Toronto. And he may get to do it in the main event. The British Columbian's fight against former champion B.J. Penn is currently listed as the co-main event for the Sept. 22 show at the Air Canada Centre. But a possible main event apparently won't take place. Scan the code for the story.

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	44	28	.611	—
Baltimore	41	31	.569	3
Tampa Bay	40	33	.548	4½
Boston	38	35	.521	6½
Toronto	38	35	.521	6½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	38	35	.521	—
Cleveland	37	35	.514	½
Detroit	36	37	.493	2
Kansas City	32	39	.451	5
Minnesota	30	42	.417	7½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	45	29	.608	—
Los Angeles	40	33	.548	4½
Oakland	35	38	.479	9½
Seattle	31	43	.419	14

Monday's results
Toronto 9 Boston 6
Detroit 8 Texas 2
Kansas City 8 Tampa Bay 0
Minnesota 4 Chicago White Sox 1
N.Y. Yankees 7 Cleveland 1
Oakland at Seattle
Tuesday's games — All Times Eastern
Cleveland (Masterson 4-6) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 8-4) at Baltimore (Matusz 5-8), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Laffey 0-0) at Boston (Matsuzaka 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
Detroit (Smyly 2-2) at Texas (Darvish 9-4), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Floyd 5-7) at Minnesota (Hendriks 0-4), 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 0-1) at Kansas City (B.Chen 6-6), 8:10 p.m.
Oakland (Blackley 1-2) at Seattle (Vargas 7-7), 10:10 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE

Sunday's results
Miami 9 Toronto 0
Baltimore 2 Washington 1
Boston 9 Atlanta 4
Chicago WSox 1 Milwaukee 0 (10 innings)
Detroit 3 Pittsburgh 2
Houston 7 Cleveland 1
L.A. Angels 5 L.A. Dodgers 3
Minnesota 4 Cincinnati 3
N.Y. Yankees 6 N.Y. Mets 5
Oakland 4 San Francisco 2
San Diego 2 Seattle 0
St. Louis 11 Kansas City 8
Tampa Bay 3-7 Philadelphia 2-3
Texas 4 Colorado 2

AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
Konerko, ChiW	65	240	36	82	.342
Trout, LAA	51	207	43	70	.338
Beltre, Tex	69	266	41	86	.323
Hamilton, Tex	66	254	46	81	.319
Trumbo, LAA	64	237	34	75	.316
Mauer, Minn	63	228	33	72	.316
Jeter, NYY	70	302	40	92	.305
Fielder, Det	72	270	36	82	.304

NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
DWright, NYM	69	253	47	91	.360
Votto, Cin	71	245	47	88	.359
MeCabrera, SF	70	291	49	102	.351
Ruiz, Pha	65	207	30	72	.348
McCutchen, Pgh	68	253	39	86	.340
CGonzalez, Col	65	265	52	87	.328
Braun, Mil	68	260	47	83	.319
YMolina, StL	66	242	31	77	.318
Prado, Atl	70	276	42	87	.315

Not including Monday's games

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	41	30	.577	—
Atlanta	38	34	.528	3½
New York	39	35	.527	3½
Philadelphia	35	40	.467	8
Miami	34	39	.466	8

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	40	32	.556	—
Pittsburgh	38	34	.528	2
St. Louis	39	35	.527	2
Milwaukee	33	40	.452	7½
Houston	30	43	.411	10½
Chicago	25	48	.342	15½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	43	30	.589	—
San Francisco	40	33	.548	3
Arizona	37	35	.514	5½
Colorado	28	44	.389	14½
San Diego	27	47	.365	16½

Monday's results
Chicago Cubs 6 N.Y. Mets 1
Cincinnati 3 Milwaukee 1
Colorado 4 Washington 2
Philadelphia 8 Pittsburgh 3
San Diego 8 Houston 7 (10 innings)
St. Louis 8 Miami 7 (10 innings)
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco
Sunday's result
Arizona 5 Chicago Cubs 1
Tuesday's games — All Times Eastern
Pittsburgh (Bedard 4-7) at Philadelphia (Worley 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (D.Hudson 3-1) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 5-3), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Estrada 0-3) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 3-5), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lohse 6-2) at Miami (Zambrano 4-5), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Gee 5-5) at Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (K.Wells 0-0) at Houston (Lyles 1-4), 8:05 p.m.
Washington (G.Gonzalez 9-3) at Colorado (Friedrich 4-4), 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-3) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 6-3), 10:15 p.m.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR SPRINT CUP

POINTS LEADERS
Through June 24
1. Matt Kenseth, 596 points. 2. Greg Biffle, 585. 3. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 582. 4. Jimmie Johnson, 571. 5. Tony Stewart, 533. 6. Kevin Harvick, 532. 7. Clint Bowyer, 529. 8. Denny Hamlin, 523. 9. Martin Truex Jr., 520. 10. Brad Keselowski, 490. 11. Carl Edwards, 479. 12. Kyle Busch, 459. 13. Ryan Newman, 453. 14. Paul Menard, 445. 15. Joey Logano, 441. 16. Marcos Ambrose, 425. 17. Kasey Kahne, 421. 18. Jeff Gordon, 414. 19. Jeff Burton, 408. 20. Jamie McMurray, 402. 21. Aric Almirola, 388. 22. Juan Pablo Montoya, 387. 23. A J Allmendinger, 365. 24. Mark Martin, 341. 25. Regan Smith, 338. 26. Bobby Labonte, 336. 27. Kurt Busch, 331. 28. Casey Mears, 296. 29. David Ragan, 278. 30. David Gilliland, 264. 31. Travis Kvapil, 228. 32. Landon Cassill, 227. 33. Dave Blaney, 219. 34. David Reutimann, 198. 35. J.J. Yeley, 117. 36. Brian Vickers, 106. 37. David Stremme, 103. 38. Michael McDowell, 83. 39. Tony Raines, 61. 40. Ken Schrader, 60. 41. Josh Wise, 59. 42. Brendan Gaughan, 50. 43. Terry Labonte, 42. 44. Stephen Leicht, 37. 45. Scott Speed, 31. 46. Scott Riggs, 27. 47. Michael Waltrip, 26. 48. Boris Said, 15. 49. Hermie Sadler, 13. 50. Robby Gordon, 11.

GOLF

PGA FEDEXCUP STANDINGS

Through June 24
(all figures in U.S. dollars)

	Points—Money YTD
1. Jason Dufner	1,849—$4,077,013
2. Bubba Watson	1,617—$3,732,778
3. Hunter Mahan	1,572—$3,387,212
4. Tiger Woods	1,452—$3,050,398
5. Matt Kuchar	1,423—$3,325,352
6. Zach Johnson	1,420—$3,084,941
7. Rory McIlroy	1,372—$3,164,700
8. Phil Mickelson	1,313—$2,857,371
9. Webb Simpson	1,298—$2,771,722
10. Carl Pettersson	1,258—$2,459,113
11. Rickie Fowler	1,197—$2,731,569
12. Justin Rose	1,169—$2,636,250
13. Johnson Wagner	1,142—$2,107,868
14. Luke Donald	1,070—$2,299,506
15. Kyle Stanley	992—$2,035,353
16. John Huh	982—$2,120,080
17. Mark Wilson	940—$1,953,639
18. Jim Furyk	931—$1,939,396
19. Bill Haas	922—$1,887,862
20. Keegan Bradley	915—$1,764,635
21. Steve Stricker	911—$1,862,017
22. Dustin Johnson	898—$1,815,990
23. Marc Leishman	897—$1,732,982
24. Brandt Snedeker	888—$1,757,814
25. Ben Curtis	886—$2,154,480
26. Martin Laird	847—$1,885,834
27. Graeme McDowell	812—$1,827,484
28. Ernie Els	802—$1,644,658
29. Kevin Na	779—$1,690,805
30. Ben Crane	747—$1,508,555
31. John Rollins	719—$1,420,187
32. Robert Garrigus	709—$1,329,838
33. Charlie Wi	709—$1,269,142
34. Spencer Levin	695—$1,240,911
35. Lee Westwood	690—$1,692,789
36. Louis Oosthuizen	690—$1,549,652
37. Bo Van Pelt	664—$1,426,122
38. D.A. Points	662—$1,345,313
39. Jonathan Byrd	655—$1,486,315
40. Brian Davis	655—$1,177,793
41. Ryan Palmer	641—$1,163,762
42. Matt Every	641—$1,365,897
43. Michael Thompson	628—$1,215,966
44. Ken Duke	622—$1,170,420
45. Charles Howell III	621—$896,483
46. John Senden	604—$1,089,172
47. Cameron Tringale	603—$1,112,016
48. Brendon de Jonge	596—$910,675
49. Charley Hoffman	579—$1,132,519
50. George McNeill	573—$1,031,675
51. Kevin Stadler	561—$1,035,276
52. Rory Sabbatini	545—$1,038,540
53. Padraig Harrington	538—$1,150,762
54. Aaron Baddeley	535—$1,015,289
55. David Toms	524—$1,071,928
56. Ryan Moore	518—$948,294
57. Sean O'Hair	518—$788,794
58. Sang-Moon Bae	510—$967,285
59. Seung-Yul Noh	507—$831,292
60. Dicky Pride	503—$1,088,363
61. Jeff Overton	495—$845,378
62. Bud Cauley	492—$771,461
63. Scott Piercy	485—$852,965
64. Jimmy Walker	483—$871,808
65. Greg Owen	477—$827,163
66. Pat Perez	473—$795,467
67. Chris Stroud	469—$856,236
68. Bryce Molder	466—$759,795
69. Greg Chalmers	464—$588,322
70. Nick Watney	463—$822,007
71. Jonas Blixt	455—$873,798
72. Harris English	455—$830,806
73. John Merrick	454—$758,273
74. Geoff Ogilvy	445—$744,108
75. Ian Poulter	443—$914,708
76. J.B. Holmes	440—$779,430
77. Fredrik Jacobson	434—$833,431
78. Tom Gillis	432—$726,804
79. Vijay Singh	429—$654,805
80. K.J. Choi	423—$682,445
81. Robert Allenby	415—$759,557
82. John Mallinger	410—$623,490
83. Bob Estes	402—$683,558
84. James Driscoll	400—$635,678
85. Sergio Garcia	396—$801,316
86. Henrik Stenson	394—$701,103
87. Harrison Frazar	386—$720,635
88. Blake Adams	383—$627,017
89. Charl Schwartzel	380—$810,744
90. Daniel Summerhays	379—$674,625
91. Andres Romero	377—$700,619
92. Ricky Barnes	376—$626,889
93. Colt Knost	370—$746,846
94. Chad Campbell	370—$508,149
95. Martin Flores	365—$557,767
96. Jeff Maggert	363—$517,778
97. Brian Gay	357—$618,043
98. Adam Scott	356—$738,899
99. Tommy Gainey	350—$620,881
100. David Hearn	**350—$585,355**
101. Boo Weekley	335—$627,199
102. Billy Mayfair	335—$514,162
103. Kevin Chappell	333—$443,157
104. Brian Harman	332—$522,818
105. Roberto Castro	330—$360,258
106. J.J. Henry	325—$571,495
107. Will Claxton	323—$453,062
107. Davis Love III	323—$552,384
109. Chris Kirk	318—$549,571
110. Trevor Immelman	309—$476,104
111. David Mathis	307—$575,980
112. Kevin Streelman	306—$580,337
113. Graham DeLaet	**305—$539,142**
114. Tim Herron	296—$353,970
115. Jason Day	295—$579,786
116. William McGirt	289—$403,418
117. Brendan Steele	288—$599,915
118. Vaughn Taylor	280—$462,618
119. Kyle Reifers	268—$334,158
120. Kris Blanks	268—$365,659

BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S OLYMPIC QUALIFYING

At Ankara, Turkey

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Monday's results
Canada 89 Mali 23
Croatia 84 Mozambique 62
Czech Republic 70 New Zealand 51
Turkey 65 Puerto Rico 53
Tuesday's games — All Times Eastern
Mozambique vs. South Korea, 7:30 a.m.
New Zealand vs. Argentina, 9:45 a.m.
Turkey vs. Japan, 12 noon
Canada vs. France, 2:15 p.m.
Wednesday's games
Croatia vs. South Korea, 7:30 a.m.
Japan vs. Puerto Rico, 9:45 a.m.
Argentina vs. Czech Republic, 12 noon
France vs. Mali, 2:15 p.m.
End of Preliminary Round

CFL

PRE-SEASON (FINAL)

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Toronto	2	2	0	0	54	44	4
Hamilton	2	1	1	0	50	54	2
Winnipeg	2	1	1	0	47	36	2
Montreal	2	0	2	0	30	47	0

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
B.C.	2	2	0	0	68	26	4
Calgary	2	2	0	0	53	48	4
Saskatchewan	2	0	2	0	41	77	0
Edmonton	2	0	2	0	33	44	0

REGULAR SEASON

WEEK ONE
All Times Eastern
Friday's games
Saskatchewan at Hamilton, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at B.C., 10 p.m.
Saturday's game
Toronto at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
Montreal at Calgary, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON

At London
Yesterday's results (seedings in parentheses)
MEN
Singles — First Round
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Albert Ramos, Spain, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1.
Janko Tipsarevic (8), Serbia, def. David Nalbandian, Argentina, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, def. Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4).
Alejandro Falla, Colombia, def. John Isner (11), U.S., 6-4, 6-7 (7), 3-6, 7-6 (7), 7-5.
Nicolas Almagro (12), Spain, vs. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 6-7 (4), 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2, 2-2 (susp., darkness).
Gilles Simon (13), France, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, 6-3, 5-4 (retired).
Juan Monaco (15), Argentina, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).
Fernando Verdasco (17), Spain, def. Jimmy Wang, Taiwan, 7-6 (3), 6-4, 7-5.
Richard Gasquet (18), France, def. Tobias Kamke, Germany, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.
Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Andreas Seppi (23), Italy, 6-7 (2), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 8-6.
Viktor Troicki, Serbia, def. Marcel Granollers (24), Spain, 7-5, 7-6 (5), 3-6, 2-6, 8-6.
Mikhail Youzhny (26), Russia, def. Donald Young, U.S., 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.
Radek Stepanek (28), Czech Republic, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-1, 1-0 (retired).
Julien Benneteau (29), France, def. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, 6-2, 7-5, 7-6 (4).
Florian Mayer (31), Germany, def. Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, 7-6 (3), 6-2, 6-3.
Michael Russell, U.S., def. Adrian Menendez-Maceiras, Spain, 6-3, 6-1, 7-6 (7).
Ryan Sweeting, U.S., def. Potito Starace, Italy, 6-2, 2-0 (retired).
Ruben Bemelmans, Belgium, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 7-6 (2).
WOMEN
Singles — First Round
Maria Sharapova (1), Russia, def. Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, 6-2, 6-3.
Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, def. Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-3.
Sam Stosur (5), Australia, def. Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, 6-1, 6-3.
Angelique Kerber (8), Germany, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-1.
Li Na (11), China, def. Ksenia Pervak, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-1.
Vera Zvonareva (12), Russia, vs. Mona Barthel, Germany, 2-6, 7-6 (3) (susp., darkness).
Sabine Lisicki (15), Germany, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 6-4, 6-2.
Camila Giorgi, Italy, def. Flavia Pennetta (16), Italy, 6-4, 6-3.
Maria Kirilenko (17), Russia, def. Alexandra Cadantu, Romania, 6-3, 6-1.
Kim Clijsters, Belgium, def. Jelena Jankovic (18), Serbia, 6-2, 6-4.
Nadia Petrova (20), Russia, def. Maria Elena Camerin, Italy, 6-0, 6-2.
Petra Cetkovska (23), Czech Republic, def. Vania King, U.S., 6-4, 6-2.
Jamie Lee Hampton, U.S., def. Daniela Hantuchova (27), Slovakia, 6-4, 7-6 (1).
Christina McHale (28), U.S., vs. Johanna Konta, Britain, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 7-7 (susp., darkness).
Stephanie Foretz Gacon, France, def. Monica Niculescu (29), Romania, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Peng Shuai (30), China, def. Sandra Zaniewska, Poland, 6-2, 6-7 (3), 6-3.
Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Venus Williams, U.S., 6-1, 6-3.

SOCCER

EURO 2012

QUARTER-FINALS

Sunday's result
At Donetsk, Ukraine
Italy 0 England 0
(Italy advances 4-2 on penalties)

SEMIFINALS

All Times Eastern
Wednesday's game
At Donetsk, Ukraine
Portugal vs. Spain, 2:45 p.m.
Thursday's game
At Warsaw, Poland
Germany vs. Italy, 2:45 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday's game
At Kiev, Ukraine
Semifinal winners, 2:45 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
New York	16	9	4	3	31	24	30
D.C.	17	9	5	3	31	22	30
Kansas City	15	9	4	2	20	15	29
Chicago	15	7	5	3	20	19	24
Houston	15	5	5	5	20	23	20
Columbus	14	5	5	4	14	15	19
New England	15	5	7	3	20	20	18
Montreal	16	5	8	3	24	26	18
Philadelphia	13	3	8	2	12	15	11
Toronto	13	1	10	2	13	28	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

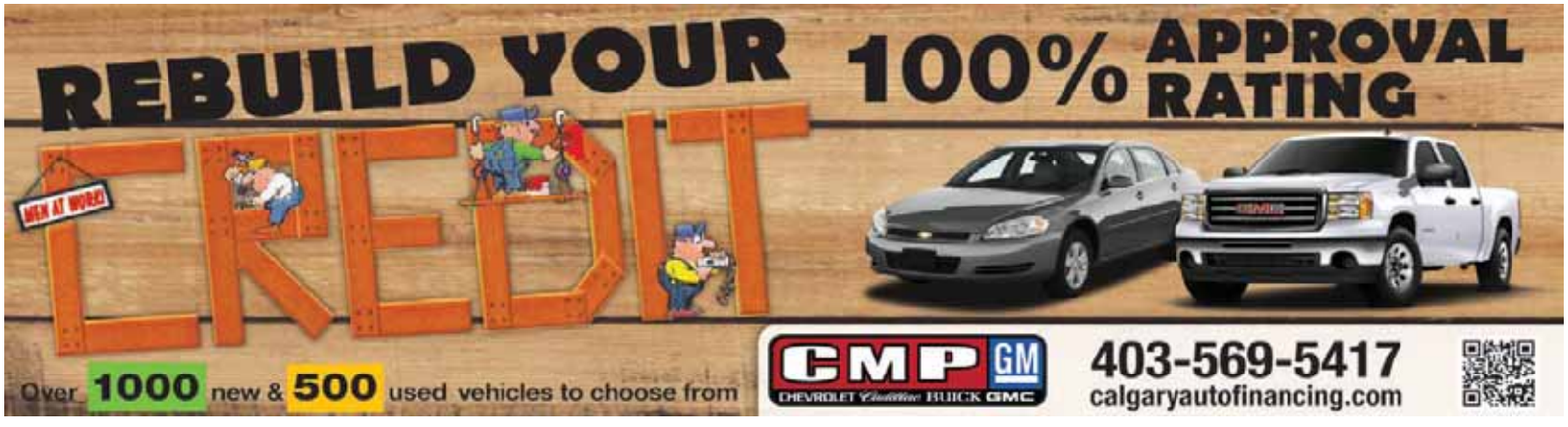
	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	16	10	3	3	31	19	33
Real Salt Lake	17	10	5	2	28	19	32
Vancouver	16	7	4	5	18	19	26
Seattle	16	7	5	4	19	16	25
Los Angeles	16	6	8	2	22	23	20
Colorado	15	6	8	1	21	21	19
Chivas USA	16	5	7	4	11	18	19
Portland	15	4	6	5	14	17	16
Dallas	17	3	9	5	16	26	14

Sunday's results
New York 3 D.C. United 2
Portland 2 Seattle 1
Saturday's results
Montreal 4 Houston 2
New England 2 Toronto 2
Los Angeles 3 Vancouver 0
Philadelphia 4 Kansas City 0
Chicago 2 Columbus 1
Chivas USA 0 Dallas 0
San Jose 2 Real Salt Lake 1
Wednesday's game — All Times Eastern
Toronto at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Chicago at Kansas City, 8 p.m.
Saturday's games
New York at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Montreal at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Columbus, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10 p.m.

NASL

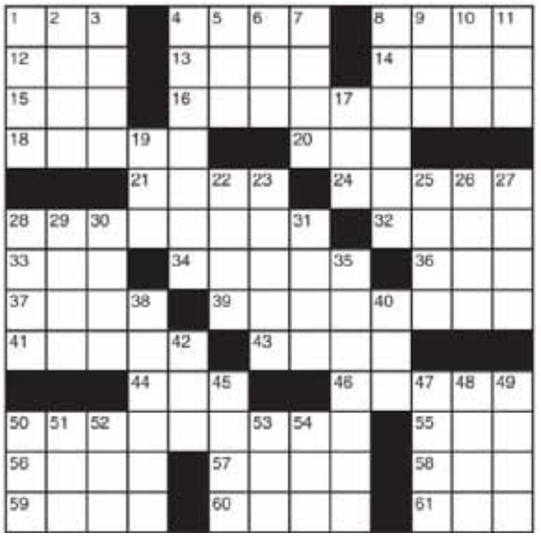
	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Puerto Rico	12	7	3	2	21	10	23
San Antonio	12	6	2	4	18	12	22
Minnesota	12	5	2	5	18	16	20
Tampa Bay	13	5	5	3	16	18	18
Carolina	13	4	4	5	22	20	17
Fort Lauderdale	13	4	5	4	17	20	16
Edmonton	12	3	7	2	11	13	11
Atlanta	13	1	7	5	12	26	8

Saturday's results
Carolina 2 Edmonton 0
Minnesota 2 Fort Lauderdale 1
Puerto Rico 2 Atlanta 1
Tampa Bay 3 San Antonio 2



Across
1 Pump up the volume
4 Bloke
8 Hit hard
12 Spell-down
13 Tortoise's rival
14 Addict
15 Type units
16 Those who refuse to face problems
18 Bottom line
20 Squid squirt
21 Mother of Castor and Pollux
24 Informative
28 "The Blue Angel" star
32 Burrito's cousin
33 Request
34 Neighborhoods
36 Droop
37 Evidenced a pinprick
39 Parasitic worm
41 Auto style
43 Highland hillside
44 Vast expanse
46 Investigate
50 French cardinal
55 Crony
56 Rue the run
57 Young horse
58 Donkey
59 Nobility member
60 Atmosphere
61 Appomattox VIP

Down
1 Help a hood
2 Note from the boss
3 Nuisance
4 Epidemic illness
5 Owns
6 Illustrations
7 Graceful woman
8 Pail
9 Blond shade
10 Witness
11 Day fractions (Abbr.)
17 Hostel
19 Elev.
22 Gossip
23 Tart in tone
25 "Now then, where —?"
26 Read bar codes
27 Guru's exercises
28 Light applications
29 Gilligan's home
30 Supplemented, with "out"
31 Barber's concern
35 Shoulder blade
38 One of Santa's team
40 That girl
42 Born
45 — Romeo
47 October birthstone
48 Foundation
49 Otherwise
50 Knock
51 Lemieux milieu
52 Ernesto Guevara
53 Debtor's letters
54 Good hearing



How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

3		9				2		4
	5		7		2		8	
8			6		9			5
		1	2		3	6		
		2	4		6	3		
2			1		5			9
	1		8		4		2	
9		5				4		8

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	5	1	4	3	9	8	2	6
6	3	2	8	1	5	9	7	4
9	4	8	2	6	7	5	3	1
8	1	9	7	2	6	3	4	5
2	6	3	5	4	1	7	9	8
4	7	5	9	8	3	1	6	2
5	8	4	3	7	2	6	1	9
3	9	6	1	5	4	2	8	7
1	2	7	6	9	8	4	5	3

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

ECHHUEGLT RUC EWVMH EUFNAUOR CLWGX SN EWMVWE EGLTGLT, RUC FGTSW EMR RUC ANXWNO UCW M WCLN.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A MAN'S NEATLY GROOMED HAIR GETS ALL MUSSED UP, YOU MIGHT SAY HE'S NOW DE-PARTED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals Y

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Weather

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
MAX: 13° MIN: 11°	MAX: 18° MIN: 8°	MAX: 22° MIN: 9°

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WEEKDAYS 5:30 AM

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Your thoughts will become more positive now that mind planet Mercury is moving in your favour again.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Something you value will have to be given up but if you are wise you will realize it has to happen so there is room for something even better to come in and replace it.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You need to speak up about something you think isn't fair.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Stop trying to hurry things along because what is meant to happen will happen in its own good time. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to money issues where, quite soon, you are in for some good news.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Your outlook will change quite a bit over the next few days.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Don't draw attention to yourself today.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Let friends and colleagues know how you feel today, even if you are the kind of Libra who hates to show emotion.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You will have to make some tough decisions over the next few days, decisions that will impact your career in major ways.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. It's OK to bend the rules a bit today. No harm will come of it so long as you do it sensibly and don't take too many liberties.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Something you once thought was so important now seems trivial, and it's to your credit that you are not afraid to change your mind.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. A relationship problem that has been worrying you for weeks will resolve itself over the next two or three days. Whether the resolution seems "good" or "bad" depends on your outlook.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. What you need to remember today is that every challenge you face is also an opportunity. Put another way: the more you are challenged the more you will grow and the more you will learn and profit over time.

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